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In re Application of:  
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 14, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 14, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated October 19, 2004, please enter this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and Preliminary Amendment of the above-identified application. Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Final Office Action dated May 14, 2004 for one month from October 19 to November 15, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0496/WBP \$900.00 for an RCE, a one month extension of time, and for any fees, including excess claim fees required to make this RCE timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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